

Grandchild or Relative Call from Jail

The Scam

Adding to the mix of phone scams is one that plays on the sympathies of elderly relatives.

For instance:

Grandma receives a phone call from a person who she believes is her grandson. The individual convinces his “grandmother” he has been arrested and in jail. He then pleads with her to send money through a money wire service to pay for his bail.

People who take the bait can be swindled out of thousands of dollars before realizing they have been deceived.



Crime Prevention Tips

- ✓ Contact other family members to verify information.
- ✓ Call the person in question to verify information given during phone call.
- ✓ Do not respond to this phone call by sending any money.
- ✓ Never give out personal information.
- ✓ Report scam to authorities.

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